HOUSE BILL 2153

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53; Title 56 and Title 63, relative to prescription drugs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The board of pharmacy is directed to report to the health committee of the house of representatives and the senate health and welfare committee on or before January 15, 2015, concerning current trends in prescription utilization among patients. The board shall examine trends which shall include: patients failing to comply with a prescription regimen, excessive utilization, the effect of copays on utilization and health and other relevant trends and behaviors. The board shall evaluate the possible benefits and costs of case management, counseling and other initiatives as potential means to enhance the health of Tennesseans through prudent pharmacy and managed care initiatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.